GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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RECRUITMENT IN ARMED FORCES FROM HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that since the adoption of population as a criteria for recruitment in Armed Forces, the recruitment of youth from Himachal Pradesh in Armed Forces has come down;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Union Government to increase percentage of recruitment of youth from Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. The percentage of recruitment of youth in the Armed Forces has not come down after adoption of the policy of Recruitable Male Population.

(b) No, Sir. However, a request was received from the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh for raising of Himalayan Regiment.In its reply the Central Government intimated the Hon`ble Chief Minister that the quota of various States including Hill States is fixedAs a result, raising of Himalayan Regiment is not likely to improve the employment position of Himachal Pradesh or the other Hill States.

(c) Does not arise.